

# Aiken Driving Club

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## Driving Tradition In to The Future

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## From The Top

Hi everyone

As the 2021 calendars begin to arrive in the mail and more things begin to happen we hopefully will get back to life as normal as it can be. Of course we all have our own questions and thoughts on how the new normal will look ... New waivers to sign, New Social Distancing and the list goes on and on.

Our club calendar will begin to fall in to place with things scheduled and then perhaps cancelled but forward is the key here. Our annual fall week-end is the second week in November (watch for plans closer to the dates). I would hope those of you who are planning events will be mindful of the ADC events on the schedule, many happen yearly at the same time.

Several folks are talking about offering some fun things to do and we will keep you posted as their dates become available and are firm. Dates that are not club sponsored events may be added to our calendar by sending information to Renie Gillis (she is back doing the newsletter). We thank you in advance for offering these activities to the area drivers.

Here is to having a full busy schedule that everyone can enjoy and have fun and learn from. In the meantime, be sure your horses health records are up to date and your equipment is safe and you have cleaned until you don't want to do anymore... and the stuff that is hanging around is moved on to someone else. We have a great library if anyone is interested. You are welcome to borrow from it all you need to do is contact me.

Be safe and stay well and check on your friends ... cheers peggy

Next Board Meeting is at 6pm on July 13th. Our Monthly Board meetings are normally open to all members - however, for now they will be OPEN to Board Members ONLY. If you have an item or concern you would like discussed please contact one of the board members [see list to the left] so they can ask to have it put on the agenda.

### KATYDID Upcoming Events

4 Summer clinics and 2 Combined Tests.  
Marathon clinic – Wed. July 15; Cones clinic – Thurs. July 16;  
Marathon clinic – Wed. Aug 12; Cones clinic – Thurs Aug 13;

SAVE THE DATES Combined Tests – Applications have been submitted to the ADS for Sat. July 25 and Sat. Aug 22. Entries are limited to 24.

Many thanks, Jennifer

[see page 5 for entry form]



# Calendar of Events (items in BOLD are ADC events)

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT / RSVP	WHERE
JUN 15 - JUL 15	CAROLINA CARRIAGE CLUB ON-LINE CARRIAGE SHOW	CCC WEBSITE	ON-LINE
<b>JUL 13</b>	<b>ADC BOARD MEETING, 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH {BOARD MEMBERS ONLY}</b>	<b>PEGGY DILS</b>	
JUL 15	KATYDID - MARATHON CLINIC	JENNIFER MATHESON	WINDSOR
JUL 16	KATYDID - CONES CLINIC	JENNIFER MATHESON	WINDSOR
JUL 25	KATYDID - COMBINED TEST [PENDING ADS APPROVAL]	JENNIFER MATHESON	WINDSOR
<b>AUG 6</b>	<b>WINDSOR TRAIL ROCK HUNT [SEE DETAILS BELOW]</b>	<b>LISA SINGER</b>	<b>WINDSOR, SC</b>
AUG 12	KATYDID - MARATHON CLINIC	JENNIFER MATHESON	WINDSOR
AUG 13	KATYDID - CONES CLINIC	JENNIFER MATHESON	WINDSOR
AUG 22	KATYDID - COMBINED TEST [PENDING ADS APPROVAL]	JENNIFER MATHESON	WINDSOR
	<b>DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS WE HAVE NO OTHER DRIVING EVENT DATES TO REPORT AT THIS TIME</b>		

## WINDSOR TRAIL ROCK HUNT In Christensen's Forest

**AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 8:00 AM**  
**CHATEAU LOG FARM, WINDSOR**

This ADC pleasure drive is for you to get out with your horses and have a little fun and different scenery to look at. We want you to enjoy seeing the Windsor Trail Rocks that are placed throughout the Christensen Forest.

Email Lisa Singer at [chateaulog@gmail.com](mailto:chateaulog@gmail.com) to RSVP or you can txt 610-960-8695 but I MUST also have your email !!!! NO phone calls because I will forget!

Marked Pleasure drive (about 5-7K) through the Christianson Forest looking for Windsor Trail Rocks. Check off Rocks on the list of rocks that will be emailed to the drivers that sign up. If you would like take pictures of the rocks and post on the Windsor Trail Rocks Face Book page when you can, that would be awesome and mention you saw them on our Windsor Trace Rock Hunt drive. This is not a contest but a fun drive!!

**DETAILS :** Lisa will be sending you your scheduled time of departure by email by August 1st. You will be sent off in 5 minute intervals starting at 8:00 am – Dress comfortably. The only socializing will be at the Courage to Lead truck with water and snacks in a bag for when you return which you can just “grab and go”. Face masks recommended but are mandatory if you are socializing with someone within the 6 feet social distancing. Helmets are required for everyone on your vehicle. Someone on the vehicle must have a cell phone on them during the drive with Lisa’s phone number programed 610-960-8695. All but small ponies and VSE’s MUST have a passenger of your choice with you.

Parking will be in the usual area on the left side just inside of Chateau Log Farm entrance. There is water available for your equines near the trailer parking area. **There will be no porta-potties so plan ahead!!!**

**ADC will be following the State of SC, Aiken Co. and ADS social distancing & mask guidelines for ANY Club activities during the Covid-19. Pandemic. ADC, the Organizer and any Land Owners will not be responsible for anyone that may come down with Covid-19.**

**ATTENDANCE AT ANY ADC EVENT IS AT YOUR DISCRETION**

## USEF

6/17/2020 Update to COVID-19 Competition Action Plan

Dear USEF Members, Competition Organizers (Licensees and Managers), and Licensed Officials,

**Now that some competitions have resumed, it is important that we all remain vigilant in our efforts to reduce the risk of COVID-19 virus transmission when attending a USEF-licensed competition. Please remember that we are among the first sports to reopen, and by strictly adhering to these requirements and best practices we can demonstrate to local, state and federal authorities that the equestrian community is able to manage our sport in a safe and responsible manner. This process might be inconvenient and even uncomfortable at times, but together we can keep our sport going and avoid any further shutdown.**

**Public health authorities continue to promote social distancing and the use of face masks/face coverings as two of the most important tools in combating the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Included here are some best practices and guidance to assist you in maintaining compliance with the requirements.**

Please note that there have been some recent adjustments made to the USEF requirements concerning use of face masks/face coverings for participants in driving competitions and to the social distancing requirements for members of the same household. These modifications can be found in the latest version of the USEF COVID-19 Action Plan.

### Face Masks/Face Covering

**Requirement:** Face masks/face coverings must be worn whenever you have the possibility of being within six feet of another person (including members of your own household), except when mounted on a horse or seated in a horse-drawn carriage or cart. **Please do your part and wear your face mask/face covering as required.**

- Because you cannot predict when another person may be within six feet of you, it is best to keep your face mask/face covering with you at all times while on competition grounds, including those times when you are going to an area where you may be alone or at a greater distance than six feet from another person. This will ensure that you are able to apply your face mask/face covering prior to being within six feet of another person.
- Make sure you are wearing your face mask/face covering prior to entering competition areas where you are likely to be near other people, including areas such as the in-gate, arena, schooling area, restroom, food stand, show office, vendors, stabling, etc.
- If you become hot while wearing your face mask/face covering, move to a location where you are alone or at a distance greater than six feet from another person (and preferably 12 feet or more), and lower or drop one side of your face mask/

face covering to cool off.

- If an official, competition organizer or member of the organizer's team requires you to don a face mask/face covering, you must comply. The competition organizer can impose more stringent requirements than those contained in the Plan.

### Social Distancing

- An immediate household is comprised of individuals who may or may not be related but are consistently living in the same house or dwelling.
- Members of an immediate household are still required to wear face masks/face coverings when there is a possibility of being within six feet of any other individuals, including members of their own household.
- Competition organizers are encouraged to implement a system that visually (e.g., numbered or colored IDs or some other form of credential) identifies members of the same immediate household.
- **If a competition organizer requires that everyone on the show grounds respect social distancing for the consistency of enforcement, you must comply with this requirement. The competition organizer can impose more stringent requirements than those contained in the Plan.**



Deadline for articles, photos and classified ads is the 20th of each month. Photos must be sent as a JPG format with name/s of persons and if possible the name of the horse/s. Classified ads for ADC members are free and will run for 3 months unless otherwise noted. Non-members may place ads for \$25. Check can be mailed to Aiken Driving Club, PO Box 271, Aiken, SC 29802

## ADS Covid-19 Action Plan Updated June 18, 2020

Complete details can be found on-line at:

<https://americandrivingsociety.org/>

### REQUIREMENTS WHILE ON EVENT GROUNDS OF ADS-RECOGNIZED EVENTS:

#### PHYSICAL DISTANCING:

WHO: Everyone

WHEN: At all times

EXCEPTIONS: Only three exceptions -

- Immediate Household Members\*
- Essential support personnel assisting an entry preparing to compete, during competition (including riding on the same vehicle) and immediately after competing.
- In cases of emergency.

#### MASKS/FACE COVERINGS:

WHO: Everyone

WHEN: Whenever there is the possibility of being within 6 feet of others, including while on a vehicle with other people even if they are immediate household members.

EXCEPTIONS: Only one exception -

- A driver driving alone while competing or warming up. For these drivers, Masks/Face Covers are advised or at least to be within easy reach but are not required.

*\* Immediate Household Members – Individuals consistently living in the same house or dwelling. Members of a household may or may not be related.*

## Audubon South Carolina

Thanking Paul Koehler

On June 5, Audubon South Carolina said “farewell” to Paul Koehler, who retired as Director of Silver Bluff Audubon Center & Sanctuary after more than 34 years of dedicated service.

When reflecting upon Paul’s contributions to Audubon, which are too numerous to adequately address in an email, colleagues and Audubon supporters alike remarked on Paul’s warm demeanor, grace under pressure, willingness to always lend a hand, and unwavering commitment to his work protecting birds and the places they need.

Paul had many significant accomplishments during his tenure with Audubon—chief among them, building critical Wood Stork habitat at our Silver Bluff Sanctuary, which helped revive the population of the once-listed species. His legacy also includes the creation of a thriving outdoor education program, which serves 2,000 students annually, and developing an active volunteer program to support mission-critical work at the sanctuary.

With a tireless work ethic and love of any work that kept him outdoors, Paul was a natural fit for his role as Sanctuary Manager of Silver Bluff—a role that will now be filled Brandon

Heitkamp, formerly Silver Bluff’s Resource Manager, who worked alongside Paul for many years.

Paul is leaving Silver Bluff, and Audubon South Carolina, a better place than he found them. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his decades of dedicated service and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in his next chapter, which is sure to include plenty of camping, birding, cooking and adventuring with his two young grandsons. We also hope to see him volunteering at Silver Bluff soon!

### *I will close by sharing Paul’s own words about his time with Audubon:*

It truly has been a privilege to be employed at such a wonderful place and to do my part in protecting birds and the places they need. I have especially enjoyed sharing Silver Bluff with others, and witnessing the enthusiasm that others gain from education of conservation and protecting the natural world. Silver Bluff would not be what it is today without the support of literally hundreds of friends, volunteers, donors, partners, professional colleagues, and more. I offer a profound sense of gratitude to all of you!

My awesome co-worker, Brandon Heitkamp, has been promoted to Sanctuary Manager, and Travis Scott will soon return as Facilities Assistant. Please offer all the support you can give to them during this transition, as it may take some time until staffing levels return to normal. You’ll likely see me next as a volunteer at Silver Bluff, as my wife and I plan to stay in the area.

Again, thanks to the many of you out there who have supported Silver Bluff and helped to make my career with Audubon a dream job! I’ll miss the daily interaction with you but am not saying, “Goodbye.” Instead—farewell!

Warmest regards,

Paul Koehler

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On behalf of everyone at Audubon, thank you Paul, and farewell!

Sincerely,

Justin Stokes  
Executive Director  
Audubon South Carolina

*Paul Koehler (second from left) and former colleagues Mike Dawson, Norman Brunswig and Dan Connelley, take a break from clearing debris from the driveway of the Audubon Center and Sanctuary at Beidler Forest after Hurricane Hugo.*



## 2020 Katydid Summer Clinics Marathon & Cones

359 State Park Rd. Windsor SC      Parking Entrance: 359 State Park Rd. Windsor

### MASTER ENTRY FORM

Wed. July 15 Marathon clinic

Wed. Aug. 12 Marathon clinic

Thurs. July 16 Cones clinic

Thurs. Aug. 13 Cones clinic

\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Pop-up clinics \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in date)

**Please use a separate entry form for each turnout**

**Entries CLOSE 5 PM Friday prior to clinic**

#### Obstacle clinics: Cost \$60

Come and drive marathon obstacles and test your readiness. 4 Obstacles. All levels are welcome and obstacles will not be judged. Obstacles will be appropriate for each level. Approved Trainers may come with their students, but please inform Organizer for scheduling purposes. Obstacles will be ready for inspection starting at noon the day before. Please park in designated areas. Start times will be scheduled starting at 8 am.

#### Cones Clinic: Cost \$25

Come and drive a cones course, get feedback, then drive a do-over. All levels are welcome and cones will be judged. Drivers will be grouped according to Level and wheel measurements. Approved trainers may come with their students, but please inform Organizer for scheduling purposes. Course will be ready for inspection starting at noon the day before.

Start times will be scheduled starting at 8:30 am.

Checks payable to: Katydid Driving LLC

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback is requested from:     Jennifer Matheson     Taylor Bradish     \* \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Specify – must be approved*

- |   |                                |                                   |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training Level     | <input type="checkbox"/> VSE   | <input type="checkbox"/> Single   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Level  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pony  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pair     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Level     |                                |                                   |

Name(s) of Horse/Pony/VSE: \_\_\_\_\_

Wheel measurement: \_\_\_\_\_ CM. We will be using wheel measurement guidelines per ADS 952 1.8 (Cones only)

Name of groom / navigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All entries must have a valid Coggins and waiver on file for 2020.

Any questions: please contact Jennifer Matheson at 803-292-3064 or [jennifermatheson@bellsouth.net](mailto:jennifermatheson@bellsouth.net)